

Attachment A



memorandum

date March 10, 2015
to Patti Costa, Sunshine Canyon Landfill
from Greg Ainsworth, Consulting Biologist
subject Bird Nest Survey Results for the Phase 1 Bypass Road, Sunshine Canyon Landfill, Sylmar, CA

On February 13, 2015, between the hours of 0630 and 0830, biologist Greg Ainsworth conducted a focused nesting bird survey near the Landfill's entrance at the Phase 1 Bypass Road project. The survey area consisted of the south-side of Sunshine Canyon Road, between Macson Oil Company Road and the equipment storage area located approximately 550 yards to the west. The survey area included the toe of a northerly-facing slope and all areas approximately 300-500 feet upslope. This area had been previously disturbed by vegetation clearance conducted by the Landfill and was surveyed for bird nests previously by Greg Ainsworth on April 22, 2014. Weather conditions during the survey on February 13 consisted of clear skies, light winds, and mild temperatures between 60-65 degrees F. During the survey, all visual and audible observations of bird species and their behavior were noted by observing birds with (and without) binoculars from several fixed locations. The vegetation in the survey area generally consists of non-native grasses and forbes, and scattered resprouts of coast live oak, pine and blue gum eucalyptus trees, as well as a few native shrub species such as laurel sumac.

No breeding activity or active bird nests were observed during the survey. Special attention was afforded to an old barn owl (*Tyto alba*) nest located on a cliff face, approximately 100 feet to the east of the equipment storage area. Nest material is present, but no sign of active nesting activities was observed, such as feathers or excrement below the nest, and no owls were observed on or near the nest after an approximate 45-minute inspection from the north-side of Sunshine Canyon Road.

Several birds were observed in the general area during the assessment; however, few were observed actually on the ground or within the vegetation in the survey area. Species that were observed either flying above or foraging in an around the general area included (in no particular order): American goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*), American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), northern rough-winged swallow (*Stelgidopteryx serripennis*), barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) and house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*).

Recommendations

The emergent shrub, remaining trees and grassland areas within the Phase 1 Bypass Road location provides suitable nesting habitat for song birds and barn owls could return to nest within along the cliff face where an old nest is located. Therefore, it should be assumed that birds will begin to nest in the project area during the month of March, and potentially through August. It is recommended that a second preconstruction survey for bird nests be conducted if more than 30 days lapses between the time of the survey and vegetation clearing activities. Many

birds can construct a nest within 5 days; therefore, it is recommended that the next survey be conducted within no more than 5 days prior to ground disturbing activities.

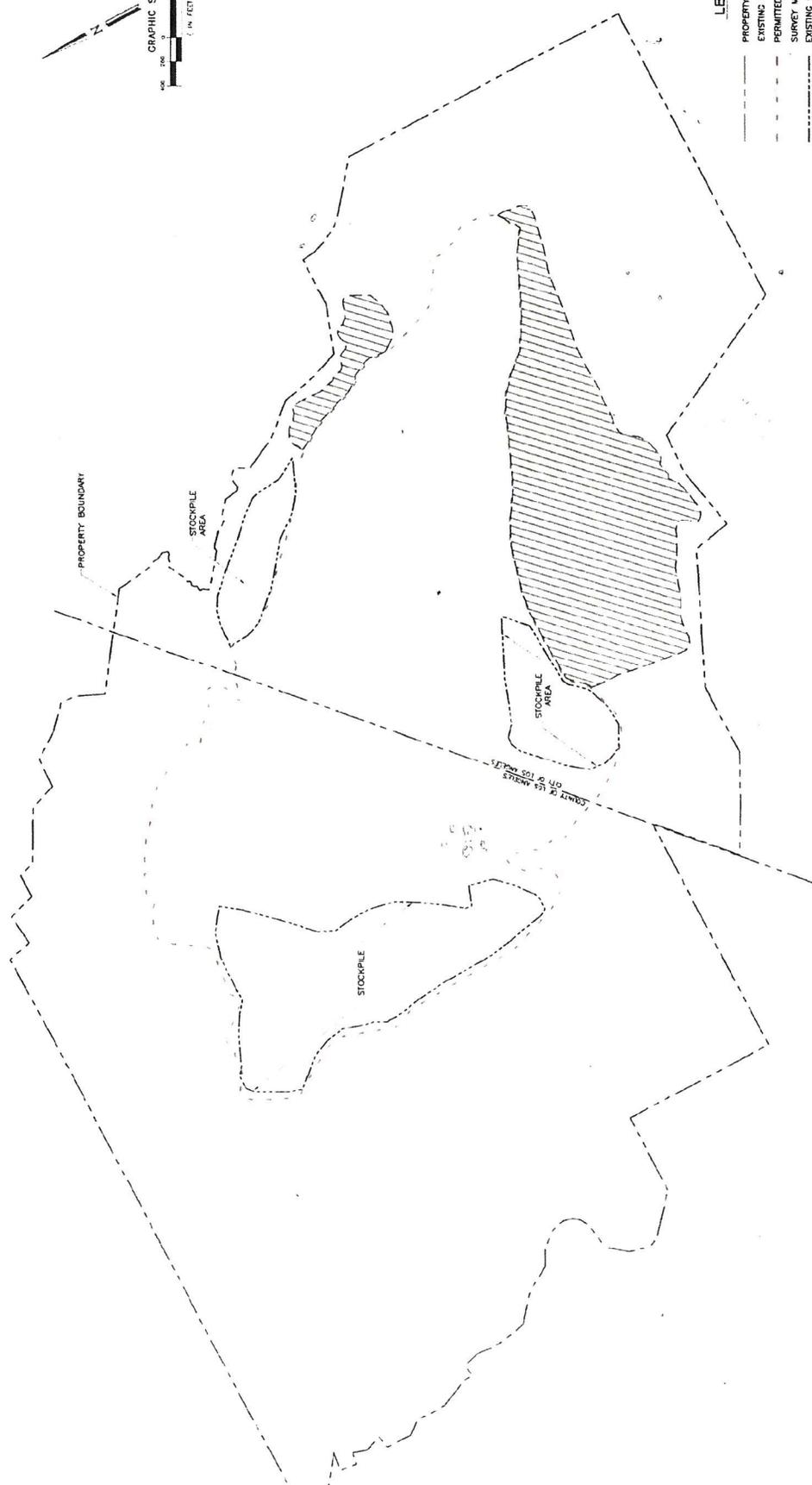
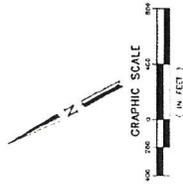
If you have any questions or comments regarding the contents of this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact me at (818) 564-5544 or at AinsworthEnv@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Ainsworth". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Greg Ainsworth
Biologist / Certified Arborist (ISA Cert # WE-7473A)

Attachment B



- LEGEND**
- PROPERTY BOUNDARY
 - EXISTING GRADE CONTOUR
 - PERMITTED LIMIT OF REFUSE (SWPP)
 - SURVEY MONUMENT
 - EXISTING STOCKPILE
 - CLOSED PORTION OF LANDFILL

PERMITTED REFUSE LIMIT= 363 ACRES
 PERMITTED AREA= 1,036 ACRES

FIGURE 2

SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL JTD	
EXISTING SITE PLAN	
DESIGNED BY	SCALE: AS SHOWN
DRAWN BY	DATE: 02-2013
CHECKED BY	PROJECT NO.: 30-0884-LDPC
DATE: 02-2013	DATE: 02-2013

DAS
 DESIGN SERVICES, INC.
 1300 E. WALKER WASH DRIVE
 SUITE 200 DENVER, CO 80202
 (303) 756-7777

NO.	REVISION DESCRIPTION

30-0884-LDPC-FIGURE 2-EXISTING SITE PLAN

Attachment C

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March 4, 2015

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NEW VAPOR ORDER CONTROL SYSTEM IN 100-ACRE BUFFER ZONE

Dear Mr. Rob Sherman,

This letter is in response to your letter dated January 12, 2015 regarding the placement and installation of the new vapor odor control system within the 100± acre buffer area. This letter also addresses certain comments contained in Mr. Wayne Hunter's letter dated January 14, 2015, relative to tree planting and other activities, including the vapor odor control system on and around the buffer area.

The property in question is described as Parcel 15 of Los Angeles County Assessor's Parcel Map No. 2601-011-015, and is also legally described in the City's records as: Tract 10422 (Map Book Reference 157-38/44); Fraction of Lot 9: Arb 2 (Lot Cut Reference No.). The total amount of land as described by the County is approximately 122 acres. City of Los Angeles records indicate that the parcel contains 5,202,370.8 square feet of land, or 119.43 acres (It should be noted that County Parcel Maps are not always accurate and include disclaimers to this fact).

The subject property is also located over an active oil field which is part of the larger 733-acre Non-urbanized Oil District (Oil District No. 77 - Cascades Oil Field). The Los Angeles City Council established the 733-acre oilfield under Ordinance No. 103,650 on July 26, 1954, allowing the drilling and production of oil, gas, and other hydrocarbon substances across the entire oil field, subject to specific conditions. Zoning Administrator Case No. ZA 13154, dated August 1954, authorized the recovery of petroleum and other hydrocarbon substances over the entire subject site (also known as the Mission Visco Semi-Controlled Drill Site).

Currently, oil drilling activities occurring on the subject site include the operation of devices such as oilwell rod pumps, piping, hydrocarbon gas separators and other gas collection systems, oil tanks, various other conspicuous apparatus, and an access road that traverses the entire 100± buffer area.

The 20 acres mentioned in Mr. Hunter's letter is part of the entire acreage of Browning Ferris Industries, Inc. (BFI)/Republic's ownership of the parcel described supra, which includes the 100± acre buffer area and oil drilling site. "20 acres" is also mentioned in the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on page 147 as it relates to an area originally designated as a 120 acre buffer zone.

The DEIR states:

"A 100± acre area of the project site, located southeast of the existing City landfill, will be set aside by the applicant for a nature preserve. This is part of the 120 acres that were originally designated as a buffer zone. Approximately 20 of the 120 acres are used for energy-related activities. The area will be left in its natural state and serve as a buffer between the landfill operator and other properties."

What is relevant about the 20 acre portion of the site is also discussed in Zoning Administrator Case Nos., ZA 13154, ZA 1988-1148(ZV)(PA3) and ZA 1988-1148-ZV-PA3-1A (Appeal upheld by the Area Planning Commission on November 30, 2012), as it pertains to the use of the property for petroleum recovery or "energy-related activities" as described in the DEIR. Similarly relevant, is that the oil drilling activities occur within a 20 acre portion of the 100± acre buffer area. In addition, the following Condition and Mitigation Measures are also relevant to this discussion:

[Q] Condition No. B.2.e states:

"The permittee shall not operate a landfill in the area which is subject of this rezoning until the open space which was identified as a mitigation measure in the County FEIR (including East Canyon and Bee Canyon) is open and accessible to the public, as determined by the Director of Planning (except on the lands where the County has not completed its eminent domain and the 100-acre "working" buffer area south of the City Landfill)."

Mitigation Measure No. 86 States:

"Maintain and enhance the 100± acre open space buffer area in the southern portion of the site by implementing revegetation [sic] programs in conjunction with onsite programs."

Mitigation Measure No. 74 states:

"Mitigation tree planting shall occur within the 100± acre open space buffer area located south of the existing inactive landfill. Appropriate planting locations shall be selected within the buffer area based on soil type, steepness of the slope, and aspect (i.e., location and or direction of the sun)."

Mitigation Measure Nos. 75 through 81 all describe various devices and activities associated with tree planting and revegetation efforts within the buffer area.

It is clear that the City's determination establishing the City's [Q] Conditions and Mitigation Measures do not prohibit all activities or ancillary uses on the subject site. Otherwise, tree planting and associated irrigation systems, roads, and energy production activities would have been explicitly prohibited in the City's land use determination. Only those

conditions memorialized in the City's [Q] Conditions and established zoning regulations are binding with regards to the use of the subject property. Additionally, since oil drilling activities have been ongoing at this site since at least 1955, it can be concluded that those activities were considered when the City issued its land use determination for the landfill and similar oil drilling approvals under the Zoning Administrator's actions.

In conclusion, the placement and use of the vapor odor control system is part of the required odor abatement efforts that are mandated by local and regional enforcement agencies. This is consistent with the intent of the City's land use determination. We also understand that Republic Services has agreed to camouflage the system's components to minimize its visibility from the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

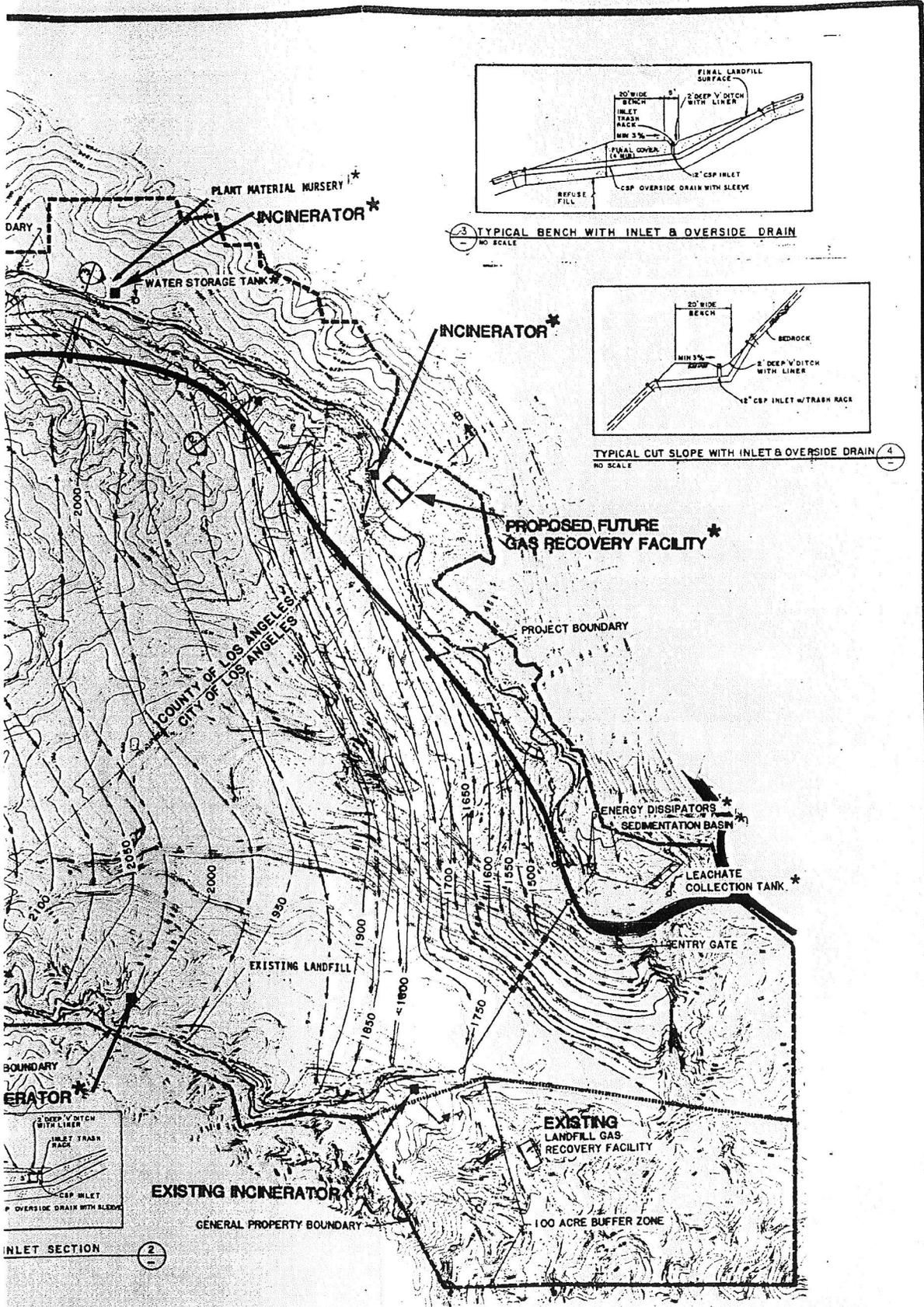
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Nicholas Hendricks
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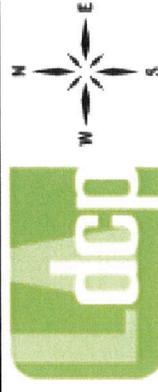
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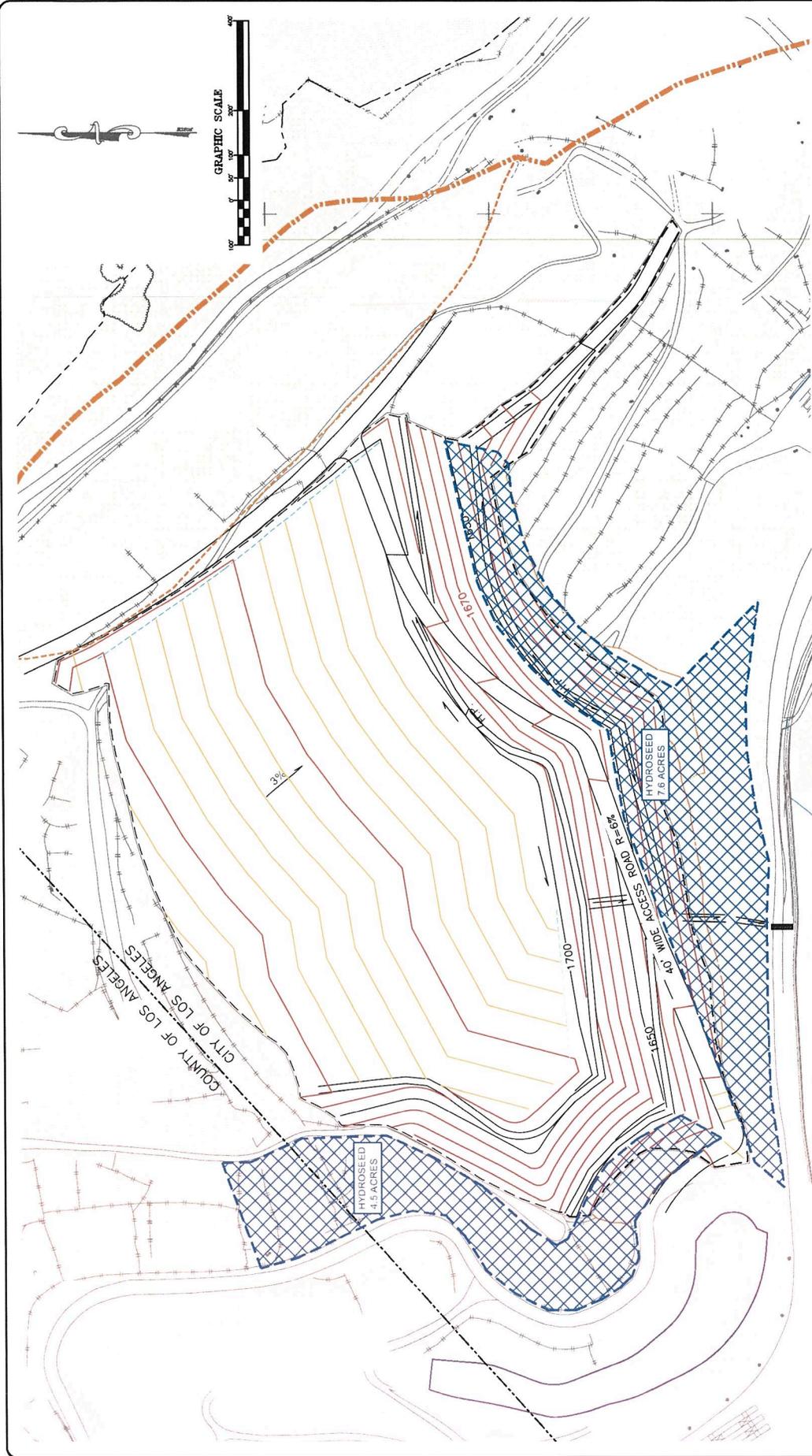


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APN: 2601011013
PIN #: 228B129 3
Tract: TR 10422
Block: None
Lot: FRLT 9
Arb: 1

Zoning: [T]Q]M3-1-O, A1-1-O
General Plan: Heavy Industrial, Open Space



Attachment D



DRAWING STATUS: AIRSPACE VOLUME INDICATED BASED ON MARCH 12, 2014 AERIAL SURVEY BY COOPER AERIAL SURVEY BY PINNACLE LAND SURVEYING

				DWG NO. 2 PROJECT NO. 2014-0023
250 W. FIRST STREET SUITE 228 CLAREMONT, CA 91711-6282 www.geo-logic.com		SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA 2015 FILL SEQUENCE PLAN 1700 DECK (JAN 2015 SURVEY REVISION)		
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